

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A cable cutter adapted for attachment to a power drill of the type having a chuck extending from a drill housing, and a handle having a grip portion extending below the drill housing, the cable cutter comprising:

a housing;

first and second cutting blades, at least one of which is connected to the housing, the blades being mounted for movement relative to one another;

a drive assembly including a drive shaft mounted for rotation in the housing and extending therefrom so as to be releasably engageable with the chuck of the power drill, a ~~worm~~ first gear mounted on the drive shaft for rotation therewith, a main shaft mounted for rotation in the housing, a ~~worm~~ second gear being in engagement with the ~~worm~~ first gear and mounted on the main shaft for rotation therewith, and a drive gear mounted on the main shaft for rotation therewith and engageable with one of the cutting blades for moving the blades relative to one another; and

a torque arm attached at one end to the housing and having an attachment element at the other end which is adapted for engagement with the grip portion of the handle of the drill, the attachment element including a first portion which, when the torque arm is installed, is adjacent one side of the grip portion, a second portion which is adjacent the other side of the grip portion, and a third portion connecting the first and second portions.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended). The cable cutter of claim 1 wherein the attachment element comprises a hook that is engageable with the grip portion of the handle of the drill.

Claim 4 (previously presented). The cable cutter of claim 1 wherein the torque arm is adjustably fixed to the housing.

Claim 5 (original). The cable cutter of claim 4 further comprising a torque arm clamp connectable to the housing and to which the torque arm is slidably connected.

Claim 6 (original). The cable cutter of claim 1 further comprising a stabilizing handle removably attachable to the housing.

Claim 7 (original). The cable cutter of claim 6 wherein the cable cutter housing defines left and right lateral sides, and the stabilizing handle being removably attached such that it can extend either beyond the left lateral side or beyond the right lateral side.

Claim 8 (original). The cable cutter of claim 7 further comprising a sleeve attached to the housing and having a hollow bore extending laterally of the housing and fully through the sleeve, a torque arm clamp sized to fit into the hollow bore and having a fastening element which is releasably engageable with the torque arm, one end of the stabilizing handle being sized to fit into the hollow bore and releasably engage the torque arm clamp.

Claim 9 (currently amended). A cable cutter adapted for attachment to a power drill of the type having a chuck and a handle, comprising:

a housing having first and second cutting blades connected thereto, the cutting blades being mounted for movement relative to one another; and

a drive assembly ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a drive shaft mounted for rotation in the housing and extending therefrom for releasable connection to the drill chuck, a ~~worm~~ first ~~gear~~ mounted for rotation with the drive shaft, a main shaft mounted for rotation in the housing, a ~~worm~~ second gear mounted for rotation with the main shaft and in engagement with the ~~worm~~ first ~~gear~~, the ~~worm~~ ~~gear operatively engaging at least one of the cutting blades for moving the~~ blades relative to one another, and a drive gear mounted for rotation with the main shaft and engageable with one of the cutting blades.

Claim 10 (original). The cable cutter of claim 9 further comprising a torque arm extending from the housing.

Claim 11 (original). The cable cutter of claim 9 further comprising a removable, laterally extending stabilizing handle releasably connected to the housing.

Claim 12 (original). The cable cutter of claim 9 further comprising a stabilizing handle and torque arm which are removably attached to opposite sides of the housing, each of the handle and torque arm being capable or being removed and reattached so that the relative positions of the handle and torque arm on the opposite side of the housing are reversible.

Claim 13 (original). The cable cutter of claim 9 further comprising a stabilizing handle, a torque arm, a sleeve attached to the housing and having a hollow bore extending laterally of the housing and fully through the sleeve, a torque arm clamp sized to fit into the hollow bore and having a fastening element which is releasably engageable with the torque arm, one end of the stabilizing handle being sized to fit into the hollow bore and releasably engage the torque arm clamp.

Claim 14 (original). The cable cutter of claim 9 wherein the housing has a cut away portion defining an entrance to the housing through which at least one of the blades is movable, and the housing further comprises a brush adjacent an edge of the housing at the entrance to the housing.

Claim 15 (original). The cable cutter of claim 9 wherein the drive shaft is transverse to the main shaft.

Claim 16 (previously presented). The cable cutter of claim 9 further comprising a segment gear formed on one of the cutting blades, the segment gear being engageable with the drive gear.

Claim 17 (currently amended). The cable cutter of claim 9 wherein at least three bearings support the main shaft, each bearing supporting the main shaft at a separate longitudinal location for allowing rotational movement of the journal main shaft.

Claim 18 (currently amended). A cable cutter comprising:
a housing;

first and second cutting blades connected to the housing, at least one of the cutting blades being movable relatively to the other;

a drive assembly including a main shaft mounted for rotation in the housing, the drive assembly being in operative engagement with at least one of the cutting blades a drive shaft mounted for rotation in the housing and extending therefrom for releasable connection to a chuck of a power drill, a first gear mounted for rotation with the drive shaft, a main shaft mounted for rotation in the housing, a second gear mounted for rotation with the main shaft and in engagement with the first gear, and a drive gear mounted for rotation with the main shaft and engageable with one of the cutting blades for moving the blades relative to each other; and

at least three bearings mounted in the housing, each bearing supporting the main shaft at a separate location along its length, one of said bearing being disposed between the second gear and the drive gear for providing increased support over a shaft supported by fewer than three bearings along its length.

Claim 19 (currently amended). The cable cutter of claim 18 wherein each end of the main shaft is supported by first and second bearings and a third said one bearing intermediate the first and second bearings further supports the main shaft.

Claim 20 (currently amended). A cable cutter adapted for attachment to a power drill of the type having a drill housing, a handle extending from the drill housing and a chuck, the cable cutter comprising:

a housing having first and second cutting blades connected thereto, the cutting blades being mounted for movement relative to one another; and

a drive assembly including a drive shaft mounted for rotation in the housing and extending therefrom so as to be releasably engageable with the chuck of the power drill, a worm first gear mounted on the drive shaft for rotation therewith, a worm second gear being in engagement with the worm first gear and mounted for rotation in the housing, and a drive gear movable with the worm second gear and engageable with one of the cutting blades, wherein the cutting blades are connected to the housing at a location which is laterally spaced from the drive shaft.

Claim 21 (canceled).

Claim 22 (currently amended). The cable cutter of claim 20, further comprising a main shaft mounted for rotation in the housing, wherein the ~~worm~~ second gear and the drive gear are mounted on the main shaft.